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Documents A1 through A3 and A7 through A12 were cited in the International Search Report in Applicant's International Application PCT/EP2004/013832. A copy of the International Search Report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner is attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

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